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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Danishefsky *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/874,514  
Filed: June 5, 2001  
For: *Synthesis of Epothilones, Intermediates Thereto, Analogues and Uses Thereof*

Examiner: T. Solola  
Group Art Unit: 1626

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Official Action mailed September 6, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith. The deadline for responding to the Office Action without fees is December 6, 2002; thus, this Response and RCE filing submitted on December 6, 2002 is timely.

REMARKS

Claims 30 and 59-143 are pending in the above-referenced application. The Examiner has rejected claims 30, 59-64, 69-77, 82-101, 106-119, and 124-143 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and has objected to claims 65-68, 78-81, 102-105, and 120-123. With this response Applicant has canceled all the pending claims 30 and 59-143 and has added new claims 144-160. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is presented with these amendments or additions. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the amendments and arguments presented herein, and respectfully submits that new claims 144-160 are in condition for allowance.

*I. Amendment of claims:*